

REMARKS

Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 15 has been canceled, and claims 16 and 17 have been amended in a readily apparent manner to overcome this rejection. The specification has been amended to overcome the rejection with respect to claim 18. No new matter is believed to have been added. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under §102(a) as being anticipated by Kayamoto et al. (US 2003/0009475). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the cited reference does not disclose (or suggest) the features of the personal dictionary registering unit that registers personal information on either of or both management and analysis of the personal data and the common data stored in the data base to a personal dictionary that is accessible only by the predetermined user, as described in the claims.

The Examiner asserts that the claimed features of the personal dictionary registering unit are disclosed in paragraphs 0056 and 0059 and in Fig. 1 of Kayamoto. The Kayamoto reference discloses in paragraph 0056 and Fig. 1 that the information management dictionary 22 has a portion of personal dictionary managing information such as the management points created by an ordinary user. In paragraph [0059], Kayamoto discloses that the division server 2 refers to the table information 31 and the table disclosure/non-disclosure information 33 to confirm a disclosable table on the basis of a name of a user who has issued the retrieval request or a division to which the user belongs.

The cited portions of the reference, in particular paragraph 0056 and Fig. 1, fail to disclose that a personal dictionary registering unit that registers personal

information on either of or both management and analysis of the personal data and the common data stored in the database to a personal dictionary is accessible only by the predetermined user, as in the present invention.

Moreover, the information shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of Kayamoto, i.e., the data mart 21 and the division information management dictionary 22, does not show, and is different from, personal information on management and analysis of the personal data and the common data of the present invention. For these reasons, claims 1, 8 and 18, and their dependent claims are allowable over Kayamoto. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should call Applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

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